

GOVERNOR BLACKBURN'S message is a well written document and there are many good suggestions in it. It is very evident that neither he nor his Secretary of State, who uses "We" with a capital "W," wrote it, and we are at a loss to know who did. The paper begins with the usual congratulatory remarks to the Legislature about the peace and plenty that everywhere abounds, and actually goes so far as to say that our laws are respected and enforced. The latter statement bears the order of its own falsity. In discussing the finances of the State, he produces the balance sheet of the Auditor to show that there will be an estimated deficit on the first of October, 1880, of \$679,912.35; in most which he recommends an increase of 5 cents on the \$100 in taxes, and the issuance of \$500,000 worth of bonds, with interest payable semi-annually at 6 per cent., redeemable at the pleasure of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. Taking into consideration the frauds practiced on the State in the way of witness claims, and claims for transporting prisoners from one county to another and to the penitentiary, he suggests that Commonwealth's witnesses receive no pay for their attendance upon either the examining Court or the Court of final trial, except in cases where witnesses are required from one county to another, and that an examining Court be allowed not more than \$2 in any case for its services. In regard to transporting prisoners, he recommends that no compensation be allowed except eight cents a mile for the Sheriff and six cents each for the guard and prisoners, the same amount to be paid for conveying inmates. In the case of pro tem Judges and Commonwealth Attorneys, he says, the law ought to fix their compensation at \$10 for the former per day and \$8 for the latter. He wants all the Common Pleas and Criminal Courts abolished, because they are an unnecessary expense of \$50,000 per annum. Our charitable institutions cost over \$200,000 yearly, and the appropriations for them being based on war prices, he thinks, that ten per cent. at least might be deducted for the present appropriations. On the Black Hole of Calcutta, as he terms the Penitentiary, he expatiates at considerable length and shows the institution up in its blackest and most horrible light. He is for a thorough change in the present barbarous plan, and for the abolishing of every vestige of the leasing system, and for the building of another Penitentiary remote from the present and the adoption of the Warden plan. Three hundred convicts are enough for any one Penitentiary, and a reformatory for young criminals he regards as absolutely necessary. He very properly recommends that the law establishing grand larceny be changed from \$10 to \$35, the theft of sums under that to be punished in county jails and work houses. The passage of a law giving the consent of the State to the Federal Government acquiring title to lands, upon which to erect locks and dams, with the necessary buildings, upon the rivers of the State is also recommended, as under the existing laws it cannot do so without the consent of the Legislature. He wants monuments raised, at the expense of the State, to the eight physicians who lost their lives battling with the yellow fever at Hickman and a Legislature provision for the more efficient organization of the State Guards. He has a good word to say of the management of the several charitable institutions and thinks the Agricultural Bureau should be sustained with a liberal appropriation. Other subjects of minor importance are touched upon, and the whole makes up one of the most creditable messages that we have read for a long time.

BLACKBURN is the most inveterate joker in the world. When the Northern papers were pouring hot shot into him for his alleged attempt to introduce yellow fever and small-pox in the Federal army by means of infected clothing, the Courier-Journal explained that he never seriously contemplated the act, but that the story most probably originated in an effort of the Doctor to beat Dick Winter-smith in getting off the biggest year, and to sustain his reputation as a joker. In his message, which was delivered to the Legislature last week, he sustains that reputation by saying that sweet peace reigns over our entire State and the laws are everywhere respected with its borders. Was there ever such a joke, not to say willful misstatement of facts? The truth of the business is that there never was a time in last fifty years, not even excepting the four years of war, in which our laws were so little regarded, and murder and other crimes so general and so glaring and frequent. It is not necessary to name the scores of murders that have been committed in the last month to prove our statement. A very casual reader of the newspapers will admit it, and if Blackburn does not change his policy of jangling murderers and other criminals, and of omitting lines of gamblers and other cattle, the administration of the laws will become more lax even than the deplorable existing state of affairs.

HON. JAMES A. GARDNER, who has represented Ohio in the National House for eight terms and is now serving his ninth, was elected by the Ohio Legislature Tuesday to succeed Mr. Thurman in the Senate. His competitors, Stanley Matthews, Gov. Dennison and others, seeing what the end would be, withdrew from the contest, and Gardner went in by acclamation. His term begins in March, 1881.

LEGISLATIVE DOINGS.

—Hon. John J. Altshuler of Louisville was appointed Enrolling Clerk of the House. A bill to reduce the number of jurors Justice, Police and Quarterly Courts has been presented and ought to pass.

—A gallant soldier offered a bill to permit females to practice law in this Commonwealth, but it was defeated.

—A bill for the benefit of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Danville has been offered by Mr. Bruce; also bills for the benefit of Nelson Ames and R. D. Lusk, both of Clark.

—Senator Berry has presented a bill to authorize the calling of a Constitutional Convention on the popular sovereignty principle. This is a revolutionary bill, but it is the only way we may ever expect to make the necessary changes in the Constitution.

—Mr. Biggs, of Meigs, offered a resolution opposing an increase of taxation, but in order that the present rate may meet the current expenses, the per diem of the Legislature, the salaries of all judges and other officers of the Courts be reduced and all useless and extravagant expenses, of whatever nature, be reformed and corrected. It is hardly necessary to say that such a bill will not pass.

—The contest for State Librarian will be settled to-day. Mrs. Annie R. Cook, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Mudd and Uncle Dick Sharp are the candidates.

—The "diggers" are all competent, and serving women and it is a pity they cannot all be elected, but as there can be but one victor, we hope that one may be Mrs. Cook. LATER.—A telegram from Col. Bruce announces that he received the nomination by three majorities over Mrs. Hanson, Good.

—Col. J. H. Bruce, our State Senator, was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Railroads and made a member of the Committee on Banks and Insurance, on Charitable Institutions, and on Rules. R. J. White, Esq., of the Richmond District, on the Committee on Education, on Penitentiary and House of Reform and on Prison Investigation and Labor. In the House our Representative, Mr. Ezra S. Church was placed on the Committee of Privileges and Elections, on Railroads, and was honored with the Chairmanship of the Committee on Agriculture and Manufactures. None of the other delegates from adjoining counties were honored with Chairmanships. Speaker Biggs recognized his competitors by appointing Bush Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs and McKim Chairman of the one on Judiciary.

NOTES OF CURRENT EVENTS.

MATTHEWS continue squally in Meigs bet Gardner and the Fusionists have possession of the Legislature.

—United States Senator George S. Houston, of Alabama, died at his home a few days ago. The Governor has appointed Luke Poyor his successor.

—An eclipse of the sun will occur on tomorrow, but the total obscuration will be but thirty-five and a half seconds. It can only be seen to advantage on the Pacific coast. There will be no other total eclipse till May 29, 1900.

—The Good Deacon Richard Smith, of the Cincinnati Gazette, was arrested a few days ago on a charge of criminal libel, sworn out by the Chief of Police, because that paper has charged him with complicity with the gamblers of the city.

Lacy Hunter, who claims that she was seduced by him, under a promise of marriage, she John H. Morgan, son of Senator Morgan, in Washington, the other day. The wound is not serious. Miss Hunter is under bond of \$1,000, but it is not thought that Morgan will prosecute.

—The contract for the construction of the Texas Pacific Railway from Ft. Worth westward, was signed on Wednesday. The contracting parties are the Pacific Mailway Improvement Company and the Texas Pacific Railway Company. Six hundred miles are to cost \$12,000,000, or about \$20,000 per mile.

—The Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee has called a meeting at the Louisville Hotel on the 23d of January, 1880, for the purpose of naming a time and place for the Republican State Convention, to select delegates to the National Convention, which meets in Chicago on the 24th of June.

—The Examiner Journal published a long article, proving that Clark, the member of the Deputy Marshals posse that shot Col. Cook, the alleged counterfeiter, did it on account of a private grudge after Cook had surrendered himself. This is about like all of the killing committed by the cowardly deputy marshals.

—Monday last several tenement houses were burned in New York, causing the death of six persons and the serious wounding of several others. On the same day a celluloid manufactory at Newark, N. J., exploded and five persons were killed and injured, and a Pennsylvania steamboat boiler burst, killing two and wounding others.

BOYLE COUNTY.

—G. W. Welch, Jr., sold 70 shares of First National Bank stock to M. J. Farris for \$114 per share.

—During the year 79 our County Clerk has recorded 308 deeds and mortgages, and issued 91 marriage licenses.

—Joe Ferrell and C. E. Sallie have procured divorce to marry. The former to Mollie Ferrell and the latter to Eliza Warner.

—This balmy weather makes the old man's face slightly turn to thoughts of his younger days, and he is back in the "thirties."

—The firm of Hackney & Hinman, in the tinware business, has been dissolved. Mr. Hackney will continue business at the old stand.

—J. W. Alcorn, canvassing for the Judgeship, met the good people of Perryville last Saturday. He has also an "unwritten history."

—The State Board of Health will meet at Frankfort next week, and Dr. H. W. Dunlap, member from this section of the State, will attend.

—The Bell Seminary lectures have failed to draw, and take well. The arts have been found and lost. Prof. Randolph will sing the next week.

—The nomination by the Governor of Col. Bowen, of Danville, as Commissioner of Agriculture, Horticulture and Statistics, has been confirmed by the Senate.

—Some of the farmers are plowing, and the coats have been seen. At this rate the inevitable ladies of the church, with an eye to business, will soon advertise a strawberry supper.

—A complete line of telegraphic communication has been constructed along the C. & O. R. W., and messages have been sent from Cincinnati to Chattanooga. Through trains will be running by the 15th inst.

—DIED.—In Danham, Texas, Dec. 26, 1879, Mrs. Infant daughter of James P. and Annie Robertson Holmes.—In Boyle county, Dec. 28th, at the home of Mr. Jay L. Harlan, Mrs. Elsie Maxwell, in the 88th year of her age. Her remains were taken to Lebanon for interment.

—PERSONAL.—Gen. C. Cohen, County Attorney of Anderson, is visiting his father's family in this county.—Mr. William McFerran, of Atlanta, Ga., made a flying visit to his friends and father's family in the county, this week.—Lud Evans has returned from Denver, Col.—William M. Stout and family are in Texas.—Thomas Stevenson, the founder of the Danville Loan, now the Tribune, was in the city this week.—Mrs. Robert Harding is quite ill.—Also Mr. Jas. Kinneid, Sr.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY.

—Elder J. L. Allen, of Danville, will preach in the Christian Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

—Miss Lullie Clark Begbee is billed for a "Dramatic and Hilarious Reading" at this place Saturday night.

—The Mt. Vernon Academy began its fifth session last Monday with a goodly number of pupils, and with flattering prospects.

—The young people were treated to a Leap Year Party at the "Newcomb House," on New Year's eve. It was a most enjoyable and much enjoyed affair.

—Two miners at Pine Hill were severely injured a few days ago by the "cave-in" of the mine in which they were working. It is thought they will recover.

—Last Monday was Quarterly Court. There was a small docket and a small crowd in town. Nobody drank and everybody peaceable. It was a good start for the new year.

—On Monday last our Sheriff, W. H. Albright, executed the required bond for the collection of the revenue for 1880. He informs us that he is making fair progress collecting the revenue of 1879.

—MARRIED.—On New Year's Day by Eld. John Middleton, Mr. George Adams, better known as "Doggie," was married to Miss Mary Fish, all colored. The happy pair had a brilliant reception that night at the residence of the groom's father.

—Mr. Wm. Armstrong sold last week to M. P. Newcomb, of this place, his saw mill on Cave Branch, in this county, for \$1,223. Mr. Newcomb will begin operating the mill at once. His family will remain in town, and the hotel will be kept open as heretofore.

—Messrs. Eph. Orsley and George McAllister, from Stanford, spent several days hunting in this county, last week. They killed something less than a thousand birds, but they went away leaving the impression that they were most agreeable young gentlemen, which they are.

—With the beginning of the new year there are very few changes to note. Mr. Robert White and wife have moved into a part of the house occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks, Andy Young and family have moved into the property on Main street formerly occupied by Mrs. Brewer.

—During the holidays "Bill Jack," a negro confined in jail was released on bail, Jack Adams, Jr., becoming his bondsman on the solemn promise of the negro that he would not drink anything intoxicating till after his trial. The next evening Mr. Adams discovered his man considerably more than "three sheets in the wind," and still "wandering it down." He very promptly re-arrested him and restored him again to the tender care of the jailor.

—Wm. McKinney, who shot and killed Alfred Smith, on Christmas day, had his examining trial last Friday, before Judges Wm. Shiplett and O. C. Brewer. The testimony concluded to show that the defendant's bail consisted of the difficulty in defense of a deadly assault which the latter made on him with a knife. He was held to answer, in a bond of \$1,000, a charge of manslaughter at the Circuit Court.

—An attempt on the part of the prisoners to break jail was happily frustrated a few nights ago. It seems that they had been at work for several nights cutting and burning their way through the floor. Pending the completion of the aperture, one of them was killed out. He got a little too much Christmas "egg-nog" ahead and divulged the operations to some friends. It was talked about and finally came to the ears of the jailor, Mr. Hook. He made an investigation and discovered the hole. Hereafter the prisoners will remain in their cells.

—When the examining trial of W. A. Owens, for the murder of James Langford, was called last Thursday, Judge McClure retired from the case, it having been learned from him that the father of the deceased killed his son.

—Messrs. J. O. Marshall and A. J. Hovey, representatives of the New York and Southwestern Petroleum Company, are here with a full supply of machinery. They say they are determined to develop some of the oil and mineral resources of the county before they quit. It is to be hoped that their anticipations will be more than realized. They deserve and should receive all the encouragement and assistance our people can render them, as they are in earnest and mean business.

—The Messrs. Johnson, doing business near the depot, being endowed with a little oil, freighted a load of oil, and are building a fine grainery for the purpose of storing up corn in these days of plenty, to be used next summer when the days of famine have come upon the land.

—While they are both clever and generous gentlemen, I hardly presume any silver cup, together with each man's money will be found in the mouth of their maker. They don't know in what way to make a cent.

—Mr. Sam. Wolsey has been confined to his bed for several days with a severe attack of rheumatism.—Messrs. John Livers and Andy Crawford took in Christmas at Mullellie. There seems to be some irreconcilable antagonism that way.

—While not speaking derogatorily of Mr. Stone, I can truly say that Mr. Warren has endeavored every word you said of him in your last issue, and more, if necessary.—Mr. John P. Haley has removed with his family to Norwood, where he already occupies a position as salesman in the store of Jas. Mack & Co.

about this week on a visit to his home in Louisville.—Mr. Richard Chandler, a very agreeable young gentleman from Lebanon, has accepted a position in the office of the Pine Hill Coal Company.—Ber. Mr. Venlee, of Lexington, was in town this week.—Mr. Frank Venable, of New Hope, will spend the winter in this place to attend school.—Mr. W. E. Lee, a sprightly young gentleman, formerly of Union Sulphur, whom Rockcastle has always claimed as her own, was in town Monday night.—Mr. C. S. Nield, one of the finest gentlemen and best newspaper men in the State, is stopping for a short time in our town. He has just returned from Mt. Sterling whither he had gone with a view to locate.—Mr. John W. Brown is teaching a select school in Putnam county.

—DIED.—On the 2nd inst., at the residence of her husband in this county, Clementine wife of John McMillin. Deceased was a devoted member of the Christian Church.

—At the residence of her son-in-law Benjamin York, in this county, on the 2nd inst., Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds, relict of the late Jessie Reynolds aged 91. She was one of the first settlers in the county.

PUTNAM COUNTY.

—I understand the colored ball didn't pay out well financially.

—Twenty-five marriage licenses were issued by our County Clerk for December past.

—The steam flouring mill of Messrs. Cameron and Klingsmith is rapidly nearing completion.

—Mr. Roach, who was once well known here as a boarding-house keeper, died last week near New River in Tennessee.

—Uncle Jeff Popplewell has leased the Griffin property adjoining his, and will run it in connection with his hotel the present year.

—My friend, Sam. Wolsey, thinks the man who is continually down with inflammatory rheumatism, hasn't got much "git-up" in him.

—But didn't that Mr. Vernon correspondent have a blood-thunder and Buena Vista letter last week. Business appeared to have been lively up there.

—The following gentlemen were chosen last Monday as Trustees for our town for the present year: Robt. Gibson, M. A. Conant, H. G. Trimble, John Q. Ward and E. M. Perch.

—The many warm personal friends of Col. Wm. McKee Fox will regret to know that he has in contemplation the idea of visiting New Mexico, with a view of making it his future home.

—A party of ladies and gentlemen from town, last Sunday, had a very pleasant excursion on a hand-car to the tunnels and the Cumberland River bridge. They enjoyed the trip and outdoor lunch very much.

—George Edgar, a little son of James T. and Mollie May, aged about three months, has been expected to die of meningitis for the last eight or ten days, but at this writing (Tuesday) it is thought to be some better, and some hopes are entertained of his recovery.

—It is supposed that the body of Pat Pammyer, whose death was announced last week, would in the direction of Cincinnati. I understand that suspicion rests pretty strongly upon some parties here, also may yet find themselves a little troubled over the affair.

—The New Years Hop at the Zachary House was a very pleasant affair. The evening was spent in much pleasure to those who so much enjoy the tripping of the light fantastic toe. The presence of a number of ladies and gentlemen from the east, contributed to the pleasure of the evening.

—Mr. R. C. Neal, of New Albany, Ind., has returned to Somerset and is taking charge of the Zachary Drug Store. Dr. Lake having resigned his position as salesman in that establishment. Dr. Lake is a very popular druggist, and his withdrawal from the house is much regretted by his many friends in Somerset.

—It is astonishing the life and business stir that is to be seen around our depot. It is enough to make a Pulaskian feel like he is really somebody, and should be the means of infusing a little more life and energy into our people. They should remember the fable of the hare and the tortoise, and not sit and slumber as the hare did while the stranger, tortoise like, comes in and out the way.

—Nearly thirty years ago, in this county, a young respectable and well-to-do farmer, commenced paying his addresses to a young lady of equal respectability in the neighborhood, and ever since then those visits have been kept up, from one to three times a month. Now, although their ages are away up in the "fifties," they seem to enjoy each other's society as much as they did in their more youthful days.

—DIED.—On the 2nd inst., at the residence of Mrs. Lou Zachary, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Cook, aged about ten days. Scarcely permitted to breathe on earth, as he was called to bloom in the flowery bosom of paradise, where the immortal souls, gathered up by the white-winged angels, never fade, and where, too, their sweet faces encompass the great white throne, throughout the endless ages of eternity.

—(Tying to mind and slush, consequent upon a winter month, Mr. E. M. Ford has withdrawn his "bus" from the road to the depot, and his former patrons are now compelled to walk up hill and foot it down hill, and are very much annoyed.

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As Administrator of the estate of James H. Davis, deceased, I will sell, on Friday, January 23rd, 1880,

At the late residence of deceased, about one and a half miles east of Harrodsburg, Ky., on the Harrodsburg Pike, also at public auction the personal property of deceased, consisting of:

1 PAIR OF BROWN MILLS, A WORK HORSE, several Road Horses and Young Horses, 4 Hogs, a lot of officers and Mathews, a car and kind of sheep, about 200 hds. of Corn, several tons of Hay, Farming Utensils, &c., &c.

The sales will, at the same time, sell at public auction, about:

50 ACRES OF THE FARM, being the portion East of the Cincinnati Southern Railway. This land is of fine quality, well watered, and is being broken land, and the principal part of the growing crop in grain. Also:

200 ACRES OF TIMBERED LAND, on the Green River, near and accessible to the railroad.

TERMS: The personal property will be sold on credit of 3 months for all sums of ten dollars and over, on notes with good security, bearing interest from day of sale and payable in Bank, or some order on Bank, at 6 per cent. The land will be sold on reasonable credits to suit purchasers.

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STATIONS.	No. 1 Mail Express.	No. 2 Mail Express.	No. 3 Mail Express.
St. Louis	11:15 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
St. Paul	10:30 a.m.	3:15 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
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TRAINS SOUTH-BOUND.

STATIONS.	No. 1 Mail Express.	No. 2 Mail Express.	No. 3 Mail Express.
St. Paul	10:30 a.m.	3:15 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
St. Louis	11:15 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
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Train No. 1 connects at Lexington with Big Sandy train for Winchester, Mt. Sterling, &c., and at Harrodsburg Junction with N. W. R. R. for Harrodsburg, at Danville Junction with L. & N. R. R. for Stanford, Crab Orchard, Lexington, Lancaster and Richmond.

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